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- 1. E/C COUNSELOR WILL MEET WITH DEPUTY MINISTER OF FINANC MASLENNIKOV JUNE 12, TO DISCUSS THE NEW SOVIET TAXATION DECREE (REF A).
- 2. IN PREPARATION FOR THE MEETING, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED WHETHER THERE WAS ANY SOVIET REACTION TO THE ACCOMPANYING LETTER, SIGNED BY GEORGE P. SCHULTZ ON JUNE 20, 1973, TO THE US-SOVIET CONVENTION ON MATTERS OF TAXATION. SPECIFICALLY, EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO KNOW SOVIET REACTION TO STATEMENT IN PARAGRAPH ONE OF THE "ACCOMPANYING LETTER" THAT A "REPRESENTATION OF A UNITED STATES COMMERCIAL ORGANIZATION IN THE SOVIET UNION MAKING SALES TO A SOVIET FOREIGN TRADING ORGANIZATION WILL BE REGARDED AS MAKING SALES THROUGH A BROKER OR GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT," THEREBY EXEMPTING US FIRMS SELLING TO FOREIGN TRADING ORGANIZATION IN THE SOVIET UNION FROM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LIABILITY TO THE INCOME TAX UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH 1(E) OF ARTICLE III OF THE US-SOVIET CONVENTION ON TAXATION.

3. EMBASSY WOULD ALSO LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER PARAGRAPH FOUR OF THE "ACCOMPANYING LETTER" MEANS THAT EACH US JOURNALIST AND PRESS, TELEVISION AND RADIO CORRESPONDENT IN THE

SOVIET UNION IS EXEMPT FROM SOVIET INCOME TAX FOR HIS FIRST TWO YEARS IN THE SOVIET UNION OR WHETHER IT MEANS THAT SUBPARAGRAPH 1(C)1 OF ARTICLE V1 OF THE CONVENTION ON TAXATION APPLIES TO JOURNALISTS AND CORRESPONDENTS FOR A TWO YEAR PERIOD FROM THE DATE THE TREATY CAME INTO FORCE

4. PLEASE ADVISE, IF POSSIBLE, BY OOB JUNE 12. TOON

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